THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI): (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, envisages that "non-Government and voluntary effort including social activist groups will be encouraged, subject to proper management, and financial assistance provided. At the same time, steps will be taken to prevent the establishment of institutions set up to commercialise education."

As part of Government's policy of promoting mobilisation of maximum possible resources from the community for improvement of elementary education, in addition to the resources committed by the Government itself, guidelines for "Programme of Mobilising Local Support to Primary Schools (PLUS)" have been formulated and sent to the State Governments in February, 2004. As per para 3 of these guidelines, States have been advised to mobilise support for Government elementary schools from, among others, Industrial establishments, Public Sector Undertakings, Banks and Financial Institutions and Associations of Trade and Industry, also.

There is private investment in all sectors of education and the share of such investment is progressively more starting from primary to higher and technical education. A Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education has been set up on the subject of "Financing of Higher and Technical Education". The Committee will, among other things, suggest the ways of encouraging and regulating private participation and investments in Higher/Technical Education.

Bharat Shiksha Kosh has been constituted as a Registered Society, to receive donations/contributions/ endowments from individuals and corporate, Central and State Governments, non-resident Indians, and people of Indian origin abroad for various activities across all sectors of education.

Admission of small kids

1071. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports in the media that 1,000 kid lose school slot in Kendriya Vidyalayas due to clerical error;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the reasons given by the concerned authorities of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in this regard;

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken to allow admissions in these unfilled 1000 seats; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the officers responsible for this serious lapse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (e) The number of admissions of Kendriya Vidyalayas, which can be considered on the recommendations of Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, is limited to one thousand in each academic year. A further list of cases beyond the ceiling was inadvertently issued by KVS and therefore, had to be cancelled. It is not correct that owing to this cancellation, 1000 seats are unfilled. Since the list was issued inadvertently and the same was promptly rectified, no action is considered necessary.

Legislation to govern admissions in professional colleges

1072. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring an uniform legislation to govern admissions to all the professional colleges in the country;

(b) whether Government have initiated any moves to evolve a consensus of the States as education being a State subject and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government expect that the new process to be in place for the next academic year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) Some State Governments have urged the Government of India to enact a Central Legislation to regulate admission and the fee structure in private self-financing professional colleges. It has been decided to initiate a dialogue with all concerned. To start with, a meeting of the Ministers of Higher and Technical Education of